

# Brewster resident may need roller skates to keep up

This coming weekend is so full of activities we all need roller skates to keep up.

On Thursday, the 19th, the first day of school will be on hand, so watch out for those little people heading for school who may be too excited to watch the traffic like they should.

Friday, the annual Northwest Kansas Heritage Center's hot dog/watermelon feed will take place, and we encourage everyone to attend, have a delicious hot dog, baked beans and watermelon meal and visit with neighbors, both new and old, and let everyone know this is a friendly town.

This will be for donations that will be used to support the center's activities for the coming year. They need the support, and we need the Heritage Center, so let's all do our part.

On Saturday, the 21st, there will be a reception at the Brewster Community Church honoring a man that will be 90 years old on the 22nd. The



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birthday celebration is for Troy Dillinger, and we will join with many others in wishing him a very happy birthday. There is a "no gifts, please," but we hope you will give him many cards to look at and mull over in years to come.

Last weekend was also busy. On Saturday afternoon, there was a reception at the Brewster United Methodist Church honoring Eugene and Lola Marrs for their 60 years of marriage. Their children hosted.

I visited with Lola about her flowers and how much they brighten the entrance to the town, and we all appreciate the beauty they add. She admitted it takes a lot

of work but feels it's worth it. I think we can say the same thing about 60 years of successful marriage, and I will add that I often

observed Mr. Marrs helping with the flowers, and I am sure he also helps with the success of the marriage. There was a reception for Everett (also known as Jr.) and Ceci Allen at the Brewster Community Church in honor of their 50 years of marriage. This was also sponsored by their children, and I know the families of both these couples were glad to have you on hand to wish their parents a very happy special day.

I would like to thank everyone who was such wonderful support during the last few weeks with Roger's dad LaVelle. The nurses, aides and helpers were wonderful, and there were so many who

brought food to the house or the Community Church for the dinner, and all the ones who filled in for me at the senior center.

Do you know, when you start thanking folks for being so great, it isn't the big things that matter; it's the little things that really make a difference.

One person we really want to thank is Pastor Chuck Baker, who was such a friend. We also want to thank Greg for coming up and caring for his dad in those last difficult days. Again, thanks to all of you who made such a difficult time so much easier.

Our travelers included Greg's family from Claremore, Okla. Also, Brian, Michele, Sam and Hannah from Bennington; Barry, Kim, Rebekah and Andrew of Salina; and Beth, Dave, Nathaniel and Corinne of Hays were on hand to say "good-bye" to their granddad and great-granddad.

Lori and George Frecks and sons Joshua and Timothy from Stratton,

Colo., as well as Lori's sister Anita Walker of Weskan were there to remember "Grandpa" and all the things he meant to them.

There were some good rains this week, and it feels good to have moisture in the land again. Also, the cool weather feels pretty good, but I can't help but wonder if this doesn't mean there will be a cold winter.

We haven't had one of those for quite a while, so we probably won't know how to act if it is. Isn't that just like us, talking about how nice the cool weather is and then having dire thoughts about what it means in the long run?

It was good to see Norma Lee Eicher, a former resident at the senior center on Wednesday morning with her daughter Mary (Eicher) Olsen of Alaska.

Marvin and Mary Ruth Garrett entertained for a family birthday dinner on Sunday, Aug. 8. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Garrett of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Mr.

and Mrs. Mike Schultz and girls of Brewster; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schultz and girls of Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Weirich and family of Liberal; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schultz and daughter of Guymon, Okla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ribordy of Brewster.

The Lutheran Church of Brewster is celebrating the first 50 years this weekend. There will be several church families on hand to remember all the events that have taken place in their buildings since they began, and we want to wish them the very best in the future, also, in their service to the Lord.

Congratulations on all the hard work and dedication of the members who have kept the Lutheran Church growing.

With that, I will end with a reminder for all of you to attend the church of your choice this weekend, and have a great week ahead. We'll see you next time.

## Art chair to head lecture committee

Cathy Gordon, chair of the art department at Colby Community College, has been chosen to head the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series committee.

The lecture series brings in speakers from academic fields or public service to talk about their views and experiences.

The series has included Robert F. Kennedy Jr., nephew of a president; David and Julie Eisenhower, grandson and daughter of presidents; Susan McDougal, a key figure in the Whitewater real estate scandal; and Vernon Walters, former U.S. am-

bassador to the United Nations.

The series sponsored a gubernatorial debate just before the general election in 2002.

Gordon, who earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from Fort Hays State University, began teaching at Colby in 1989.

Classes she teaches include art history, drawing, painting, art appreciation, computer graphics and design. She won a grant from the Kansas Arts Commission to put together a traveling exhibition of her work.

## Is child on way to life of crime?

Dear Plain Sense: My 4-year-old frequently steals things from other family members. I'm worried he is on his way to becoming a petty thief! What should I do?

Parents naturally become concerned about a child who takes things that don't belong to him. This should not be regarded as "stealing" until the child is capable of understanding the consequences of such behavior, which is usually between ages 3 and 5.

Parents should consider why their child has stolen — for more attention, or showing off to a friend, to have something to give to someone else, or to get something they don't want to ask for.

Parents should teach children about property rights and consideration of others.

Parents must also serve as positive role models. If adults bring home items from their place of work or allow a mistake at the supermarket checkout to occur in their favor, it will be harder for a



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child to understand the concept of honesty.

In most cases, stealing will stop as the child grows older if parents take proper measures. Teach your child that stealing is wrong and is not acceptable within the family or the community.

Guide him or her in returning the stolen object to the proper owner; if for some reason it cannot be returned, then help the child in arranging to pay for or replace the item.

When the item has been returned or paid for, give the child praise for his effort and work.

If stealing is persistent or accompanied by other problem behaviors, it may be a sign of more serious

emotional problems that both child and parents need help with.

Distrust can develop quickly in such family situations. Your local

mental health professional can assist in evaluating the causes for the behavior and work with those involved to reestablish better relationships and more healthy behaviors.

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## matters of record

### Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Constance Kay Morgan quitclaims to Shallow Creek Trust Company, Paul Maruska, trustee, of Buffalo County, Neb. the SW/4, Sec. 19, T10S, R39W; the NW/4, Sec. 20, T10S, R39W; the SW/4, Sec. 33, T9S, R39W; the S/2 of the NW/4, Sec. 33, T9S, R39W.

Curtis D. Barnes, of Reno County, quitclaim to Curtis and

Beverly Hurd, Lots 4 and 5, Block 13, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Curtis L. and Beverly E. Hurd, trustees of the Curtis L. and Beverly E. Hurd Revocable trust, to Chad D. and Gwen Mai, Lot 13, Block 60, Original Town of Goodland.

U.S. Bank National Association, formerly Firststar Bank N.A., to James C. Gillespie the N/2, Lot 15, all of Lots 16 and 17, Block 13, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

Kermit A. and Doris J. Huebert, trustees of the Kermit A. Huebert trust, to Walter and Matilda Yarbrough, Lots 14 and 15, Block 36, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Clifford J. and Carolyn L. Homm, of Yuma County, Colo. to George Homm, Kit Carson County, Colo. the NW/4, Sec. 15, T9S, R42W.

Jerry P. and Cindy L. VanDonge to Shannan D. Garrett a tract of land in the NE/4, Sec. 4, T8S, R41W.



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